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Dear Dr. McAllister,

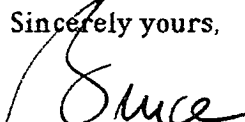
In response to the recent listing listing in ARIS, please send me information and applications for funding by The Council for Tobacco Research--USA, Inc. I am particularly interested in seeing if this program would be suitable for new faculty or fellows.

Our research at the University of Colorado School of Medicine shows exciting promise in the identification of the mechanism and control of the taste loss that occurs with the irradiation of the oral cavity in the treatment of cancer. While this initially seems a minor problem, most of these unfortunate patients lose 5-10% of total body weight during their treatment, due primarily to poor oral intake, and complain that "all food tastes bland." This compromises their recovery, if subsequent surgery is required, and alters their immune system, ultimately compromising their survival.

This work is currently in the pilot phase and submission for full NIH funding would be premature. Thus, it would seem to be appropriately suited for submission to your organization for initial funding, especially given the alleged link between the use of tobacco and oral cancer.

Thank you in advance for your assistance. Please let me know if you need additional information. I look forward to learning more about The Council for Tobacco Research--USA, Inc.

Sincerely yours,


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